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## THE GREAT EUGENIC CRUSADE OF RICHARD BENNETT

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### ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN ALL OVER THE WORLD

By WINIFRED SHORT.

Denmark has passed a widow's pension law.

A union for housewives has been formed in London.

Queen Mary of England has an utter dislike for diaries.

There are 100 girls born to every 100 boys in England.

The average length of life for eminent women is 63 years.

A woman's taxpayer's league has been organized in Columbus, Ohio.

Idaho women voters have secured a nine-hour law for women workers.

The demand for girls to work in homes is always greater than the supply.

Queen Margherita of Italy is a regular assistant nurse in the Rome hospitals.

There are 1,000 pronounced feeble-minded women of child-bearing age in Pennsylvania.

One hundred women were in a New York court in one day recently, asking for divorce decrees.

Of the 126 schools registered at the Pennsylvania School of Industrial Art 45 are women.

America and England together have produced over one-half of the unmarried women of eminence.

The three women who ran for seats in the Australian House of Representatives at the recent election were unsuccessful.

Women of wealth are working on a plan to establish in Vienna a woman's college like those in the United States.

Miss Grace Strachan was defeated for the position of associate city superintendent of the New York schools.

A hotel for the accommodation of working women has been established in New York city by wealthy club women of that city.

The average age of marriage for American women of ability is later than that of the women of any other nation—27 years.

Forty-two per cent of the women who became famous because of political influence or ability were married more than once.

Among the fifty-five graduates from the Brooklyn Law School of St. Lawrence University were two women, who are now full-fledged lawyers.

Simmons College, Boston, recently graduated 125 women trained for household economics, librarians, general scientists, and social workers.

Miss Ode Painter, of Jacksonville, Fla., has been elected to succeed her father as president of a fertilizing company bearing his name.

Queen Mary of England, taboos anything extreme in the way of fashion, and is very particular in regards to her dress. She spends less than \$100 a year on gowns.

Although she can only use one hand, Miss Evelyn Webb, of Brentwood, England, has been awarded the special silver medal of the London Academy of Music for piano playing.

Six Los Angeles women recently went down on the bottom of the sea in the new submarine boat C-2 and remained there for 25 minutes. All claimed that they enjoyed the trip very much.

During the past year women's suffrage bills have been considered in 12 national parliaments, thirty-three States and other legislative bodies. The greatest gain has been in this country.

Just to please the women of Munich, Ind., who desire the continuance of the "bubble" riots, the traction company in that city has consented to lower the steps on all of its street cars.

The Government Department of Railways in Berlin has circulated a "solemn warning" urging women railway employees to reform their "rude and vicious" behavior towards passengers.

There are about 2,000 brickmakers in the Cradley Heath district in England, of which 1,300 are women. The women earn from 4 to 7 shillings a week, and for moving twenty-eight tons of bricks they are paid a little over 2 shillings.

Although she is 118 years of age, Mrs. Hedwig Strawha, the oldest living woman in Germany, worked in the fields digging potatoes until a short time ago.

So great is the assortment of window screens in the shops these days that it is possible to fit almost any size window and this at decidedly less cost than having the screens made to order. The screens with the hardwood frames covered with the black wire screening are usually a trifle less expensive than the screens with the Japanese metal frames; these latter screens, it is claimed, though of metal, will not rust.

Screen doors made of pine and finished well come in a great many widths and heights, together with spring hinges and handles so that the doors are easily hung.

Another screen is the one that rolls up like a shade. It works on a spring roller and is made to fit almost any size window.

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well for the present than in thinking about their future health. Cutting the skin makes it tough and hard. So trim it gently away from the nail with the orange wood stick.

A little lemon juice on a bit of absorbent cotton wound around the stick will keep the skin from growing quickly again on the nail, and an acid for the same purpose is sold for 25 cents a bottle.

If the nails are stained and spotted, lemon juice, possibly with hydrogen, or powdered pumice stone can be used to clean them.

To soften the skin and the nails if they are especially brittle or hard, rub a little vaseline or cold cream, or slightly warmed olive oil into them before you attempt to manicure them and rub it in every night until they have reached a more normal state.

After the nails are trimmed and the scurf skin is pushed in place polish them with a good polishing powder. This should not be applied more than once a week. Every day the buffer may be used, but if the nails are constantly manicured or if powder is applied very often they become thick, untransparent and ugly in appearance. Systematic care makes them thin, transparent and shapely, but too much attention ruins them.

Make Polishing Powder.

If you have powdered pumice stone and talcum powder with you you can make your own polishing powder by combining half an ounce of talcum powder with two ounces of the pumice stone. Fifteen grains of carmine should be added to the powder and so should a little perfume if it is desired.

The care of the nails does not end with their manicuring. They must be kept clean; whenever one of them is roughened or broken it must be trimmed with a file so that it will not be torn; hang nails must be prevented by keeping the skin about the nails soft and pliable with vaseline, cold cream or other oily substance; and, above all, the general health must be good if the nails are to look their best.

Many nails are injured in appearance and sometimes really damaged by bruises. Whenever a nail is bruised it should be held in hot water for half an hour. This heroic treatment keeps the blood from settling under the bruise and turning the nail black.

Leather Belts.

After remaining on the retired list for several seasons, leather belts are again shown in all colors of patent leather and soft kid.

### THE GREAT EUGENIC CRUSADE OF RICHARD BENNETT

Actor-Producer Makes Plea to Mothers to Tell Children Truth Concerning Fundamental Facts of Life.

By JULIA CHANDLER MANZ.

Those who saw "Damaged Goods," Bennett's dramatized sermon on eugenics, which was produced by Richard Bennett on a Sunday evening last season in the New National Theater, must have been impressed with the profound character of the man who would venture such an undertaking for the play holds up the fundamental facts of life stripped of every shred of the prudery of conventionalism.

Not satisfied to stop with the presentation of the play, Mr. Bennett is now co-operating with several prominent ministers in a eugenic crusade. Just before he sailed for Europe the actor-producer read the last act of the Brieux play in a number of churches, and called the attention of his audience to the fact that art and literature had their beginnings in the church, and that it is now plainly the duty of the church to do the pioneer work for close of men and women who will be strong morally and physically.

In the course of a lecture before a large audience at the West End Presbyterian Church in New York City, Mr. Bennett said:

"This is a woman's age, and woman has a right to come forth and demand her supreme prerogative as the producer of the race. We want to do away with the hypocrisy that has been built up around conventionalities. We want to call attention to the fundamental facts of life without prudery. How many parents here in this congregation can say that they have not lied to their children? The plea of justification in saying that is, lying about the truth of life is set up on false ideals by parents who make themselves liars before their children. We want to start with the truth in showing our children the light. Let us tear down the conspiracy of silence and be frank with ourselves. If we can build a single standard for men and women there will be less need for frantic efforts to reform the marriage laws."

Deluded Ourselves Too Long.

"We have deluded ourselves too long with the carping fallacy that young college makes the best husbands and business men because they have had worldly experiences and therefore have kept their eyes open. It is a hypocrisy to talk about the necessity of a man's seeing his wild oats. Laws to protect our women are springing up all over the country, and this desired protection will be secured the quicker if a single standard of morality is adopted. Too little is known about the ravages made by disease. What we want is the establishment of a custom that will prevent marriage of sickness with health."

Mr. Bennett's plea that "we start with the truth in showing our children the light" is the key to the whole situation. The great splendid hope of shielding our daughters from the type of man against whom the actor-producer protests so seriously, bringing existing faults to the doors of the thousands of mothers whose foolish prudery suggests evasion when the minds of their children begin to ask questions concerning the vital things of life.

"I evade their questions when they switch around to the mysteries of nature," said one mother to me. "I am always embarrassed, and tell them some 'fair tale.'" declared another. "Either plan is worse than folly because a child will not voluntarily ask a question until he, or she, is mentally and morally ready to receive an answer to that question. And if mother evades or answers with a fair story, the developing mind is sure to, sooner or later, discover the trick and go to some playmate for an explanation of the things he wants to know. How much wiser for mother to explain in a clear, simple, natural way what the young mind craves to know. Mother should be one precaution, however. There should be sure that the child understands the question he asks before she answers it, for he may be simply voicing an interrogation put to him by some other child and may not be ready himself to understand either the question or the answer."

Criminally Wrong.

But once the young mind has been actively awakened to inquiry, the mother who refuses to satisfy its craving for knowledge is criminally wrong, because the knowledge will be sought of some older playmate who may give a very vulgar and distorted conception of the truth. A fair story may satisfy for a little while, but children soon outgrow fairy stories, and once they have learned that mother has lied to them they do not



Richard Bennett

trust her with questions again. And evasion is worse than direct refusal to answer, because it awakens an abnormal curiosity in the mind of the young questioner, which grows to very large proportions and finds satisfaction at some less pure source.

Signs are said that "ignorance is the only sin." Surely it is responsible for the thousands of the unions of sickness with health, thousands of little helpless children who come into the world cursed with hereditary diseases.

But don't imagine because you and young women who are wrecked in health because their mothers did not "start with the truth in showing their children the light."

Every child has a perfect right to go to the keeper of his or her young life with questions concerning the things they do not know, and they have just as perfect a right to a truthful, enlightening answer to their questions.

Will Return for Knowledge.

Find out, first of all, what has led her to ask the question put to you, so that you may determine if she understands just what it is that she wishes to know, then give her a truthful answer that will be perfectly clear to her. Likely your answer will awaken her mind to another question, in which case answer that as simply and sensibly as you have done the first interrogation. But the chances are that she will be sure to come back to you for more knowledge, for the young mind turns information gained ever many times before reaching out for more.

But if mother has answered the first question with truth and candor she may rest assured that when the mind of her child is again perplexed the child will come to her for knowledge, and as long as this continues she has every chance to instill in the mind of her daughter or her son a clean, pure, sane conception of the fundamental principles of life, becoming the prime factor in the promotion of that single moral standard which should exist for men and women.

The presentation of the Brieux drama by Mr. Bennett throughout the country will fall in calculated to have a far-reaching influence in the breaking down of the false ideals entertained by the majority of mothers.

But that such a course is necessary to make them their duty toward the children to whom they give life is their shame!

### Necessity of the Brieux Drama in Order to Make Her See Her Duty Should Shame Every Mother in the Land.

By FRANCES SHAFFER.

The other day in a big city, down on the busiest street of all, a little sparrow—the commonest kind of gamin in the bird world—was caught by one wing in the girder of an elevated railway structure.

A passerby, attracted by the bird's outcry and peculiar call of distress, looked up and saw the little prisoner vainly fluttering in his effort for release—looked at nothing more. Gradually a crowd gathered, idly watching the struggles of the pinnioned bird, and as one after another the noisy trains sped along the rails the sparrow fluttered a bit more violently and then settled back for it was becoming feebler all the while.

And the crowd still gathered, still looked—and nothing more.

But the story would not be worth the telling but for an inconspicuous figure in the background, who for the moment made himself the center of attention.

He was a workman, and as he hurried along with his tools in his hand, he looked at the crowd and turned to see if it was becoming feebler all the while.

And the crowd still gathered, still looked—and nothing more.

Almost in a twinkling the bird was released, but its strength was nearly spent and it dropped panting to the shelter of the nearest tree. And then he stood guard for a while to learn that the bird was able to fly.

What Makes Difference?

And what makes the difference between men and men, boys and boys, and between women and women, girls and girls? For while little things are happening every day desperately call upon some one to lend a hand, it is only the very few who are anything more than the idlest of onlookers.

And whatever standards we may set for women and girls, it is safe enough to say that the whole world pins its faith to men and boys who, upon occasion, are ready to throw aside their coats and go to work upon the issue at hand. Certainly, the world of femininity has boundless admiration for a particular type, for, you see, it presupposes a great many other things.

Perhaps the difference, in part, goes back to Nature, perhaps to training.

Do you notice, in rescue work, whether it is human life at stake or a poor little imprisoned bird, the men who are quick to respond are generally—not always—from the ranks of workers who are trained to be quick of eye, of hand and of brain? And, of course, there must be quality of heart back of the eye, the hand and the brain, else the worker would never be found standing with the idea when emergency called.

But there is his training, and it does help, help mightily, in telling him what

WHAT JOHN DREW THINKS OF WOMAN

John Drew has been telling the readers of the Woman's Companion what he thinks of the American woman. Here is an extract from the article:

"Because a few enthusiasts and extremists have taken to interrupting public speakers and getting themselves arrested is no sign that America is entering upon an era of political heckling and vulgar meddling. The American woman knows that all this is picturesque—but unnecessary. When she wants the ballot she will get it in her own dignified way, and it will carry with it the blessing of her husband, her brother, her sweetheart, and the admonition to go along and do better with it than he has done."

Mrs. Jessie Young, of Webb City, Mo., has just been married for the third time, and has not had to change her name, as all her husbands were brothers.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Beginning the first of July one little corner of this page will be devoted to the amusement and instruction of the little tots who find these summer days too long, sometimes, to fill with interesting play.

Every morning they will find something new to do in the Woman's Page of The Washington Herald. Instructions will be illustrated by very clear helpful pictures, so that even the little kindergarten will have no trouble at all in following them.

The feature is a vacation one, designed to amuse the children, and thus help mother in their entertainment.

Watch for it!

Colorful Best.

White paper is not as good as blue or brown for wrapping up things that are to be put away for a long while, as the chloride of lime in the paper will fade fabrics.

To Freshen Cake.

To freshen stale cake, dip it for a second or two in cold milk and then re-bake it in a rather cold oven. It will taste almost like new again.

Chopping Suet.

If you desire to keep suet from sticking to the knife when chopping it, try sprinkling the knife with a little ground rice and you will have no trouble.

Sweet, Subtle Perfume Easily Made at Home

(From Science Review.)

Here is a piece of information that will be welcomed by lovers of fine perfumery, especially those whose favorite scents are quite beyond their pocketbooks.

Floral concentrate when combined with denatured alcohol in proper proportion, makes a perfume fit for the gods. Yet its cost is so very small, compared with that of an equally made product of equal quality—only about one-twentieth as much—as to make one suspicious of it before trying the simple formula. But try it—you will produce a fragrance that will remind you of a bouquet of the sweetest smelling flowers fresh from the garden. You can procure the ingredients at any drug store. The proportions are: Floral concentrate, 2 drams; denatured alcohol, 4 ounces. Put these into a large enough bottle, one free from any other odor, cork immediately and shake contents a little.

Floral concentrate is sold and recommended by Atfield's and other reliable drug stores.

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### Take Proper Manicuring Implements on Vacation

When the sights and sounds of home are left far behind, when a city seems as far away as the moon, when summer vacation has actually begun, there are regrets, generally for some of the "comforts of home." The needle spray that is in your own bedroom seems, on some warm day, far more convenient and refreshing than even the touting ocean waves, the hammock in your own doorway holds more promise of peace than a walk in the pine woods, perhaps. These trifling regrets are generally only short lived. The vacation soon again regains its rightful pinnacle.

There are always some things lacking even in the most carefully planned trip—some little comforts or conveniences that every one longs for. One of these is the professional manicure. She may be found, of course, at the big summer hotels even when they are located in a wilderness, and she may be found in the more popular summer resorts. But where to she in the country farmhouse, the camp, or the quaint little way-back village that attracts so many vacationers? She is not there, and the only way to keep from missing her is to go prepared for her absence.

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IN RAMIE LINEN.

### Dress Patterns Cut to Order by Ingenious Girl

has been put forward lately has been devised by a girl who is working up a business for herself. This is the making of patterns for dresses. These patterns are of tissue paper, heavy paper, or cambric of two different colors. All the designs are original, and the best part about it is that the patterns are reasonable in cost.

Moreover, one may have a pattern made of a dress seen in a shop window or in a play. Or one may have the duplicate of any piece of fabric. The patterned one, it is in the second place, of great assistance to the woman of little or no daring in the art of sewing, enabling her to get away from the ready-made effect and the just-like-dolls-and-gowns, through a specially designed pattern, and a pattern which above all is made to measure.

Price Moderate.

Hitherto the price of these specially cut patterns has been prohibitive. But now this young girl makes them for 25 cents apiece on the tissue paper, all "frost" buckles, buttons, or ornaments being added in a color. Made of the heavy paper, they show the stripes, plaids, checks, or the general designs of ordinary lines of goods and give the exact effect of the finished gown. These cost 50 cents. In the two tints of cambric they are \$1.

"Of course," said this new business woman, in explaining her work, "it is to copy a dress in a window. I charge for my time as well as for the pattern, and if less than six of the 25-cent patterns are ordered, I charge my carriage when I go to fit them. Many of my own designs I have made up already in standard size, 34, 36 and 40, and if a customer fancies these they may be altered in any particular while I am there. All the patterns are made to fit exactly, and are a help to the woman who makes her own gowns."

"For such people I also make the tight-fitting linings to measure. If two sides of a gown are to be different, of course I include both sides in the pattern. The French rarely make two sides of a skirt alike, and I often follow this idea. All these models are especially good for the seamstress with no ideas of her own, and these patterns are so simple to adapt that any one can use them. Many women like to have me decide on the best material in which to develop the

patterns, or on the pattern best suited to the materials."

May Be Had in Three Days.

Any pattern may be had in three days, or in even a shorter time if necessary. And patterns for an entire trossel, including all the undergarments, may be worn with each gown, which nowadays is part of an unsolved puzzle, may be had at an arranged estimate.

Such a business, though only a few weeks old, is likely to grow rapidly. The recent plans of this ambitious young woman include an office and summer sales at the large hotels; also suburban visits to out-of-town customers, which would really be a boon to the suburbanite who has little time for shopping.

FASHION BITS.

There is no color more becoming to the average woman than blue, and this season it is quite as popular as ever. Pumps and low ties of the dark blue suede with hosiery to match complete the costume of blue most satisfactorily.

Envelopes bags of silk or satin, especially all their harmonious with the costume, are especially smart. The pin stripe bags with narrow strap handles of the same material are particularly fetching.

Garnets are a favorite stone in all kinds of jewelry this season. The brooches, bracelets, ear-rings, and pendants are decidedly like those used a generation or two ago.

A Knitting Help.

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Never saw a woman with a prettier and clearer complexion, because she knows it is one of the best.

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